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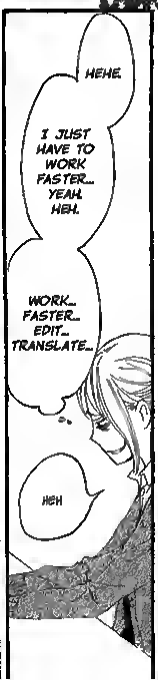

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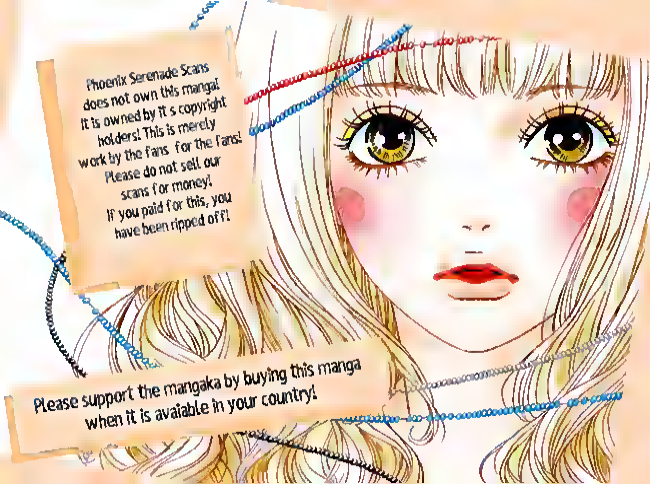
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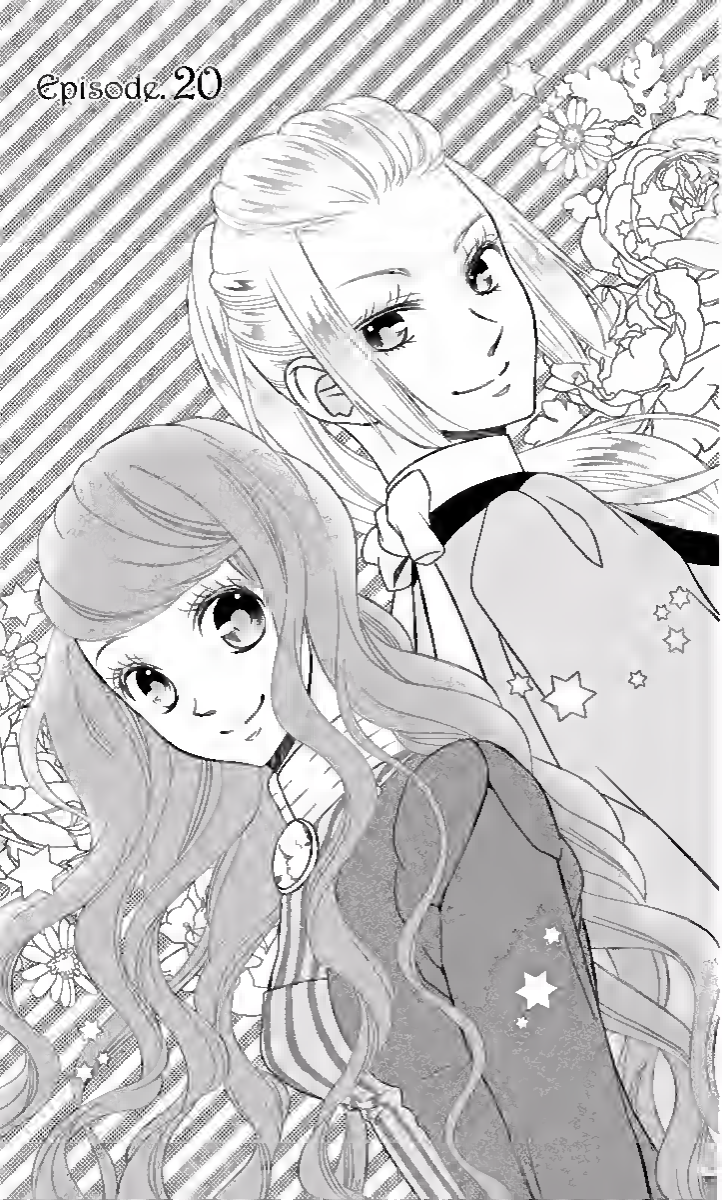
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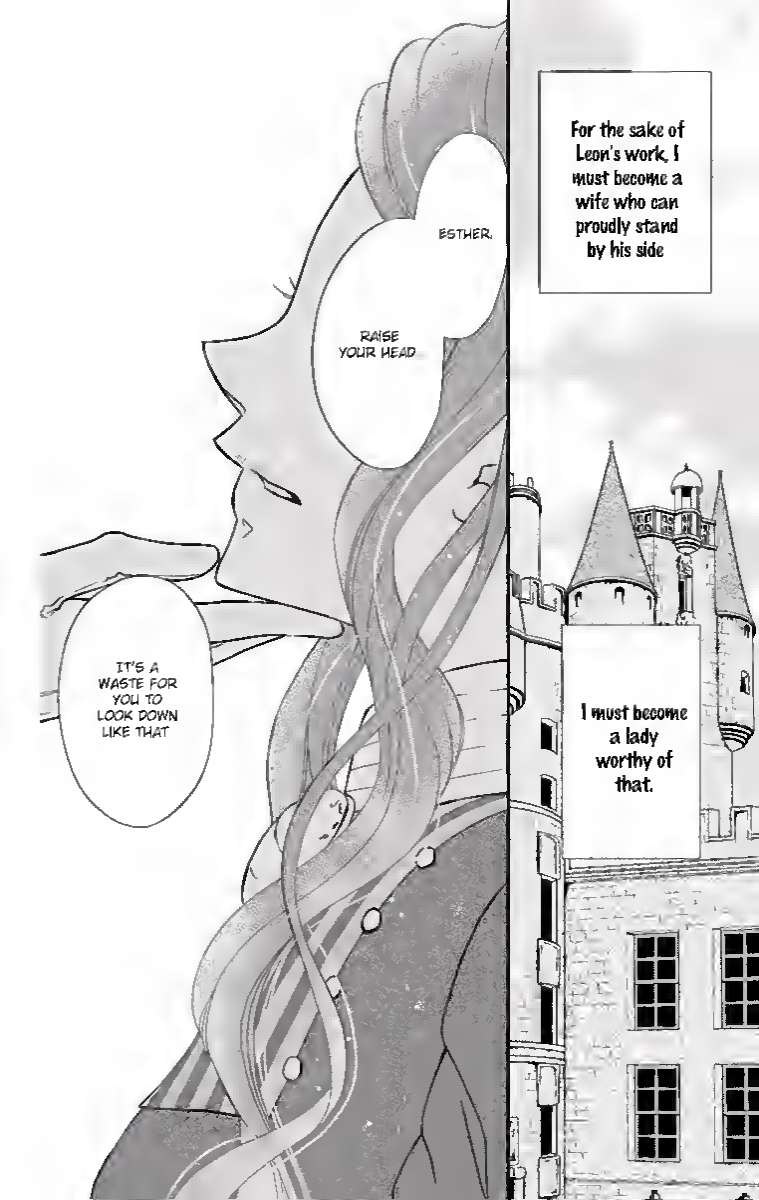
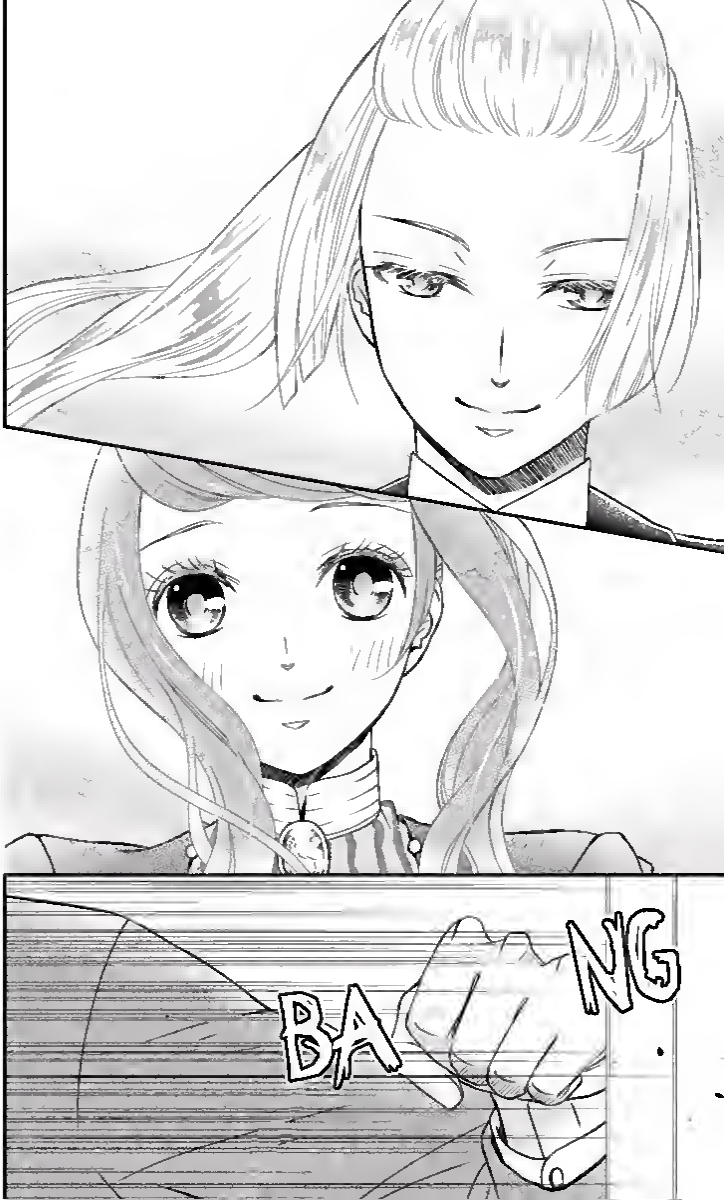

For the sake of Leon's work, I must become a wife who can proudly stand by his side
I must become a lady worthy of that.
ESTHER.
RAISE YOUR HEAD.
IT'S A WASTE FOR YOU TO LOOK DOWN LIKE THAT

BECAUSE YOU'RE VERY LOVELY.
HERE, ONE MORE TIME.
one
two
three
THAT'S RIGHT YOU'RE GOOD AT THIS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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, REBECCA!?
.....
HEY LEON.
WELCOME BACK.
ESTHER IS ALREADY MY WIFE.
ISN'T THIS NECESSARY IF SHE'S GOING TO MAKE HER DEBUT IN HIGH SOCIETY?
IT'S NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE SHE'S NOT GOING TO GO HUNTING FOR ANOTHER MAN LIKE THE OTHER YOUNG WOMEN
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, LEON
WHAT'S WITH THOSE CLOTHES!?
IT'S PRACTICE
THAT'S BECAUSE ESTHER SAID SHE'S NEVER REALLY DANCED WITH ANOTHER MAN EXCEPT FOR YOU, LEON.

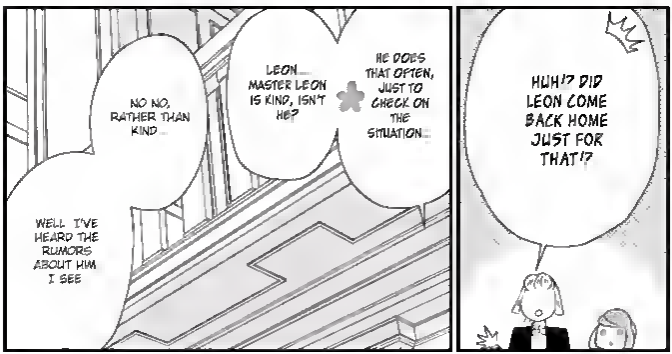
!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AND ESTHER HAVE OFFICIALLY MARRIED YET, RIGHT?
I ALREADY HEARD ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW?

IT'S THE SAME THING
THAT DAY WILL NEVER CO-
O-OF COURSE NOT!
WE'RE ONLY FAKE SPOUSES

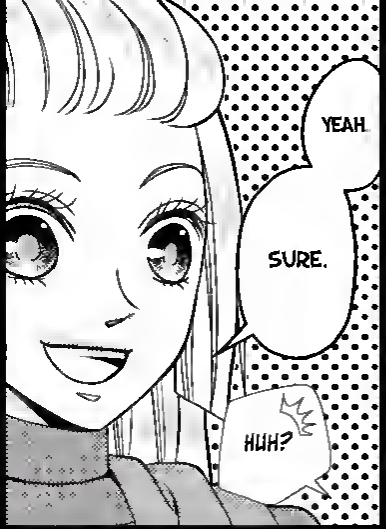
I'M PLANNING TO GO TO THE ARCHBISHOP RIGHT AWAY.
ONCE WE CONCLUDE ESTHER'S OFFICIAL DEBUT BEFORE THE QUEEN,

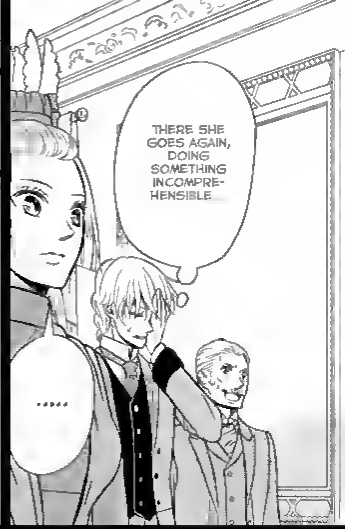
THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE MONTH UNTIL WE OFFICIALLY BECOME HUSBAND AND WIFE.
I WILL DEFINITELY NOT HESITATE.
LEON...
MASTER LEON
IT'S TIME.
AAH I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY.
WELL THEN, ESTHER.
DO YOUR BEST.
!

REBECCA,
PLEASE TEACH HER THINGS THAT ONLY YOU, AS A WOMAN
CAN TEACH HER.
AT ANY RATE YOU DON'T NEED TO TEACH HER TO DANCE.
I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU
YES, YES


HUH!? DID LEON COME BACK HOME JUST FOR THAT!?
LEON... MASTER LEON IS KIND, ISN'T HE?
HE DOES THAT OFTEN, JUST TO CHECK ON THE SITUATION...
NO NO, RATHER THAN KIND...
WELL, I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT HIM I SEE

HE'S DOTING HUH
?
HM I SEE THAT MEANS HE'S REALLY PLANNING ON DEBUTING YOU TO THE HIGH SOCIETY.
THEN I MUST TEACH YOU ABOUT HAVING AN AUDIENCE WITH SOMEONE OF VERY HIGH SOCIAL STANDING
ALRIGHT
Yesterday, I asked Miss Rebecca, who is Leon's fiancee
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GIVE ME LESSONS ON HOW TO BECOME A LADY!
for an outrageous favor.
LET'S CHANGE LOCATIONS ESTHER
RIGHT!


YEAH.
SURE.
HUH?


THERE SHE GOES AGAIN, DOING SOMETHING INCOMPREHENSIBLE...
.....

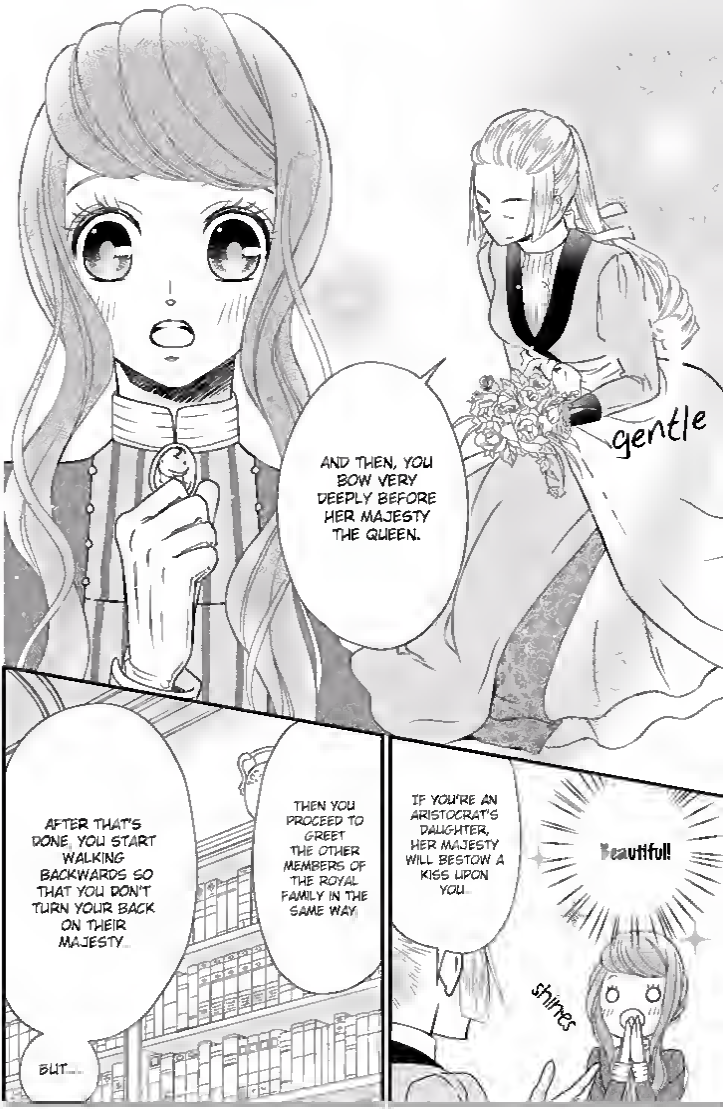
I'LL GO MAKE PREPARATIONS AND COME BACK TOMORROW!
THEN I'LL STAY HERE AND GIVE YOU SPECIAL TRAINING!
I WAS PLANNING TO PERSIST, BUT
And she gladly accepted.

YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT IT'S USELESS BY NOW.
TO MAKE HER YOUR OFFICIAL FIANCEE-
HUH. AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
OUT RAGE
THAT GIRL... DID SHE FORGET WHAT I BROUGHT HER HERE TO DO?

I'll be in your care!
YOU DON'T NEED TO USE HONORIFICS WITH ME.
JUST CALL ME REBECCA.
And that's how Miss Rebecca became my teacher
I have to become a splendid lady no matter what it takes!
FIRST OF ALL, AN OFFICIAL DEBUT INTO HIGH SOCIETY FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF ARISTOCRATS AND LANDOWNERS,
IS MAINLY THEIR "PRESENTATION AT COURT."
THEY ARE INTRODUCED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND THEN HAVE A CEREMONY WHERE THEY GREET EVERYONE.
M-MEET THE ROYAL FAMILY... AT THE ROYAL PALACE...!?

T-T-T-THAT'S... A LITTLE GIRL LIKE ME FROM THE WORKING CLASS...
IT SEEMS LIKE LEON IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BIRTH
HE'LL PROBABLY MAKE IT SO THAT YOU'RE SOME NOBLEMAN'S ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER
HUUUH!?
HERE IT'S DONE!
UM.
WHY DID YOU WRAP A SHEET AROUND ME??
IT'S A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TRAIN OF YOUR DRESS
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HAD ONE OF MY OLD ONES, BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY. SORRY.
DRESSES USED FOR THE ROYAL PALACE USUALLY HAVE LONG TRAINS.
TRAIN?

EVERYONE CRIES AT THE SIGHT OF THIS TRAIN
TRY HOLDING IT
LIKE THIS?
THAT'S RIGHT TRY TO USE YOUR LEFT HAND HOLD THE BOUQUET TOO
EVEN AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT THE ROYAL PALACE YOU HAVE TO KEEP HOLDING IT UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR AUDIENCE WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY
THE YOUNG WOMEN WAIT IN THE ROYAL PALACE'S TEA ROOM AND ENDLESSLY WAIT FOR THEIR TURN FOR THE AUDIENCE
WHEN THEY CALL YOUR NAME, YOU LET DOWN YOUR TRAIN AND ARRANGE IT BEFORE WALKING DOWN THE LONG GALLERY AND INTO THE AUDIENCE
Step

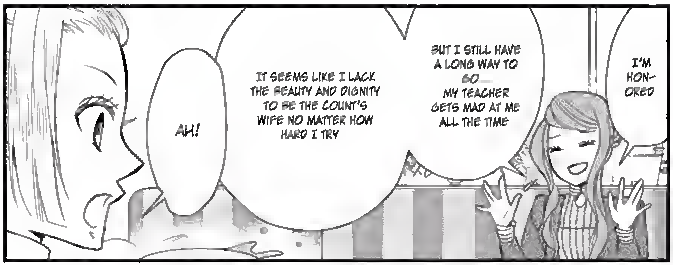

AND THEN, YOU BOW VERY DEEPLY BEFORE HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
gentle
THEN YOU PROCEED TO GREET THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY IN THE SAME WAY.
AFTER THAT'S DONE, YOU START WALKING BACKWARDS SO THAT YOU DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THEIR MAJESTY.
BUT....
IF YOU'RE AN ARISTOCRAT'S DAUGHTER, HER MAJESTY WILL BESTOW A KISS UPON YOU.
Beautiful
shines

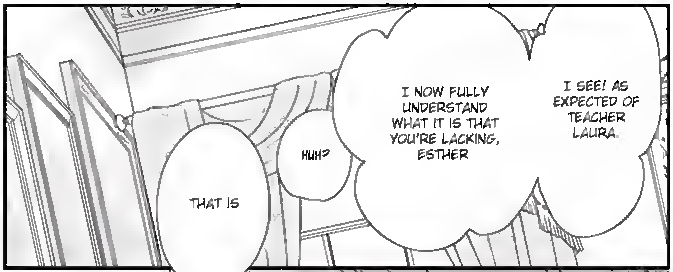
YOU MUST NOT HOLD YOUR TRAIN WHEN YOU DO SO.
Slide
HOW ADVANCED!!
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.
YES!
LET'S START BY PRACTICING YOUR CURTSY.
BEND YOUR KNEES SLOWLY
FALL
FALL
ONE MORE TIME.
stagger
ONE MORE TIME.
shake
shake
ONE MORE TIME.

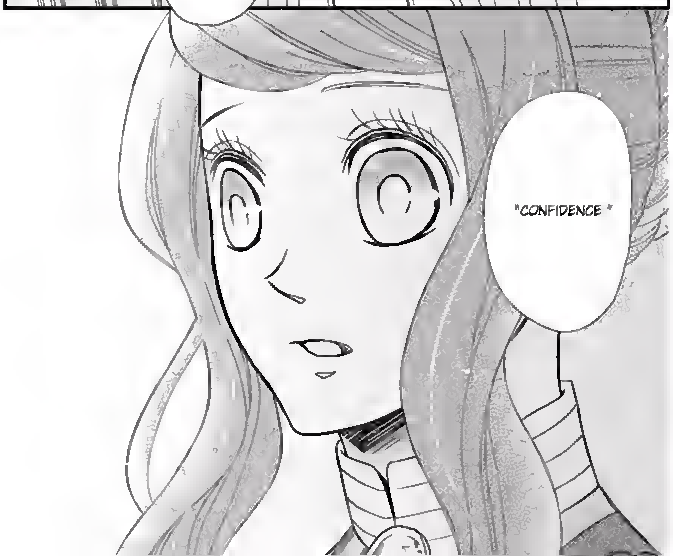
I CAN'T BECOME GRACEFUL AT ALL...
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE YOU TRAIN YOUR LEGS FIRST!
THEN, LET'S START BY LEARNING YOUR ENTRANCE FROM THE GRAND STAIRS TO THE TEA ROOM
OK!
DON'T LOOK AT YOUR FEET! LOOK DIGNIFIED!
GIVE YOUR NAME CARD TO THE PAGE RIGHT THERE!
WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN, LOWER YOUR TRAIN AND
GIVE ANOTHER NAME CARD AT THE ENTRANCE

wobble
step
FALLS
AH
Alright, that's the spirit!
One more time please!
...WHEW

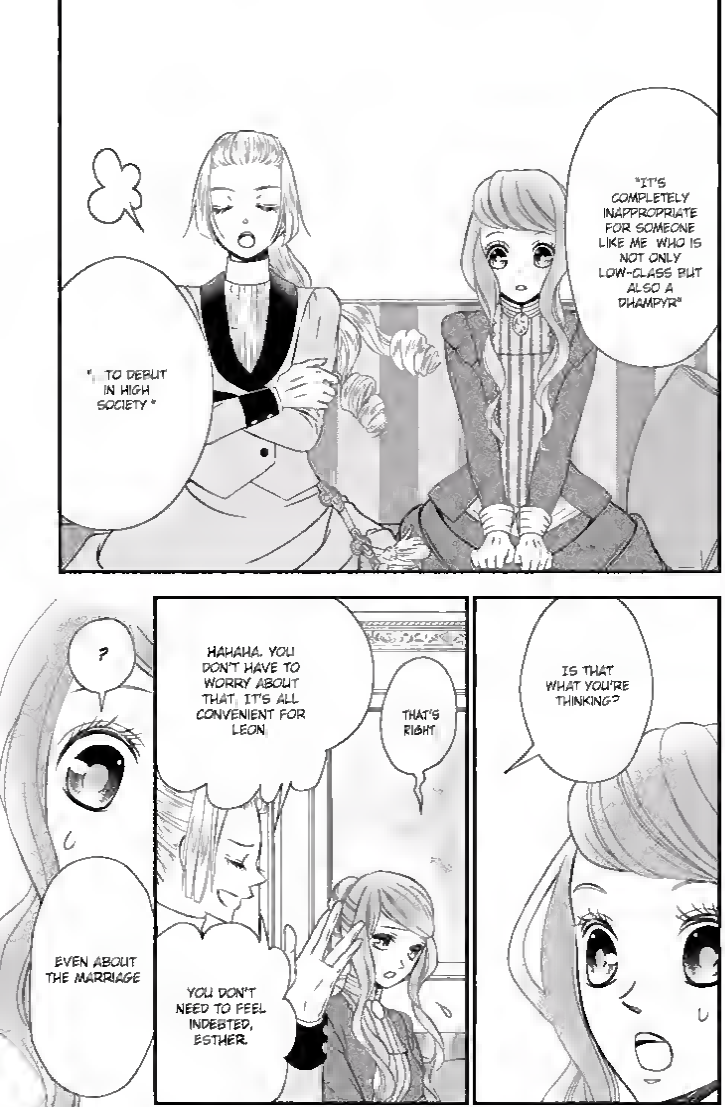
I'M SORRY, I'M SO WORTHLESS
HAHAHA! WELL WELL, THE FIRST DAY IS LIKE THIS FOR EVERYONE!
BUT YOU WERE LIVING IN THE SLUMS SIX MONTHS AGO, RIGHT? YOU'VE DONE SPLENDIDLY
YOU MUST HAVE
PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT


I'M HONORED
BUT I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO
MY TEACHER GETS MAD AT ME ALL THE TIME
IT SEEMS LIKE I LACK THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY TO BE THE COUNT'S WIFE NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY
AH!


I SEE! AS EXPECTED OF TEACHER LAURA.
I NOW FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE LACKING, ESTHER
HUH?
THAT IS


"CONFIDENCE"

YOUR PERFORMANCE AS A LADY IS PLENTY GOOD ENOUGH TO EARN PASSING MARKS
CONFIDENCE
BUT IF YOUR FEELINGS ARE HALF-HEARTED THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU CAN GO
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SHINE IN HIGH SOCIETY
WELL, I THINK THE LESSONS WILL HELP WITH YOUR CONFIDENCE BUT...
IT'S SOMETHING MORE FUNDAMENTAL THAN THAT
I WONDER IF YOU'RE AWARE
HM
PERHAPS


"IT'S COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO IS NOT ONLY LOW-CLASS BUT ALSO A DHAMPYR"
"... TO DEBUT IN HIGH SOCIETY"
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?
THAT'S RIGHT
HAHAHA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. IT'S ALL CONVENIENT FOR LEON.
YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL INDEBTED, ESTHER.
?
EVEN ABOUT THE MARRIAGE

BUT...
AREN'T YOU LEON'S FIANCEE...?
HM? AAH, OUR FAMILIES JUST DECIDED IT ON THEIR OWN. I DON'T PLAN ON MARRYING HIM
HUH!?
WELL LEON IS A PERVERT SO I CAN'T SAY I'M ENCOURAGING IT
!?
NO, I DON'T.
HUH!? DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT!?
I DECIDED THAT I'M ONLY GOING TO MARRY THE MAN I LOVE.
Even though Rebecca is such a beautiful lady!?
M-
TO BE HONEST, I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE BEFORE
.....
OH?

I WANT TO FATEFULLY RUN INTO THE MAN I LOVE, SINCE I WAS BORN AS A WOMAN AFTER ALL
OH. WE'RE COMRADES THEN.
ME TOO! I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE BEFORE EITHER.
YES!
OH MY. HAS THAT PIQUED YOUR INTEREST?
HUH... MEN AND WOMEN... BOTH?
BUT IT'S KIND OF SURPRISING THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR FIRST LOVE YET, REBECCA.
I'VE PLAYED AROUND WITH BOTH MEN AND WOMEN UP UNTIL NOW, BUT...
NO ONE REALLY STOOD OUT
SURE, ESTHER.

DO YOU WANT TO TRY PLAYING WITH ME?
HEY.
WHO'S GOING TO BE PLAYING WITH WHO!?
AH, WELCOME BACK
LEON!
SERIOUSLY, I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR EVEN A SECOND.

I CAME TO SEE YOU AFTER HEARING THAT YOU WERE HERE.
LONG TIME NO SEE, REBECCA.
BY THE WAY, I BROUGHT YOU A NICE SOUVENIR.
HELLO GARRY.
HEY ESTHER.
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YOU LOOK WELL.

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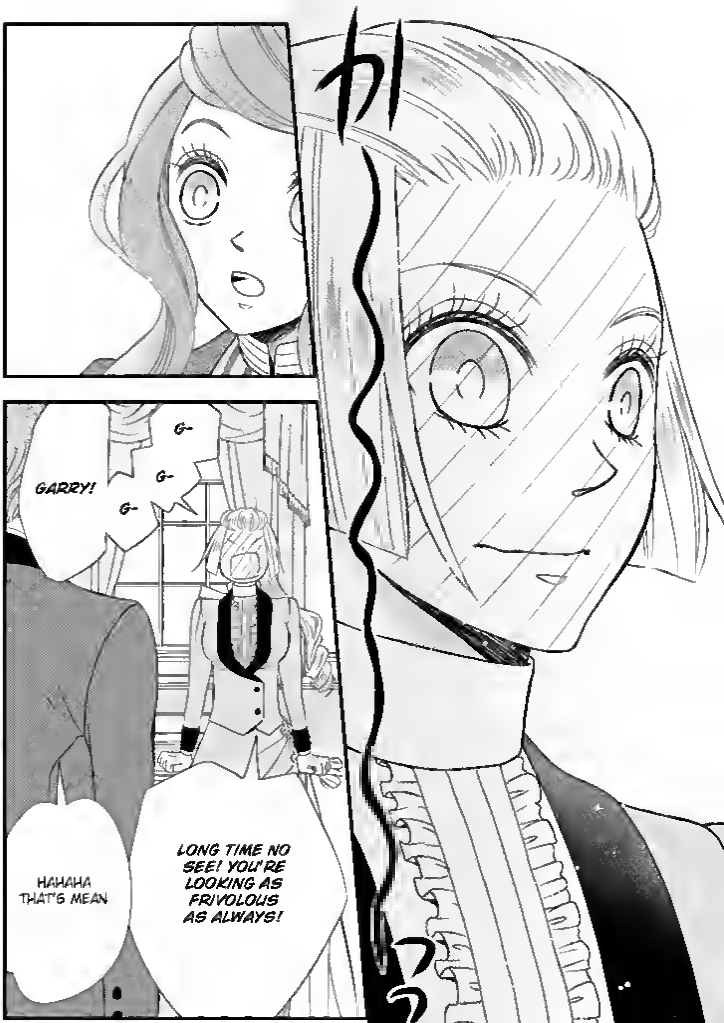
G-
GARRY!
G-
G-
HAHAHA
THAT'S MEAN
LONG TIME NO SEE! YOU'RE LOOKING AS FRIVOLOUS AS ALWAYS!

LOOK AS BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS, REBECCA
YOU
lifts
smirk
smirk
SO MEAN.
MY HEART START'S THROBBING AND I FEEL ALL WEIRD WHEN YOU TOUCH ME!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
LEON,
whisper
IS REBECCA IN LOVE WITH GARRY?
YEAH, EVEN THOUGH SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AWARE OF IT AT ALL...

BUT, YOU KNOW
giggle
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THAT KIND OF THING.
CAN YOU TELL?
ANYONE WOULD NOTICE
SOMETHING AS OBVIOUS AS THAT

Rebecca is so cute.
Pinch
WH-WHAT IS IT?
IF YOU GET IT,
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU NOTICE IT TOO?
HUH?
SO? HOW WERE YOUR LESSONS?
IS THAT SO?
AH, YES! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.

Mother, please watch over me.
thump
thump
YEAH, YEAH.
Hey Leon! Stop flirting and do something about this guy!

I will be going back to London.
The social season is finally here.